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Attorney Docket No. 4015-1812

First Inventor or Application Identifier John S. Petty

Title METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTRICALLY
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. *Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. Specification [Total Pages 18]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title to the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
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 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
[Note Box 5 below]
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Signed statement attached deleting
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6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Copy
 - b. Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

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8. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9. 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
10. English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
Citations
12. Preliminary Amendment
13. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
14. *Small Entity Statement filed in prior application,
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
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Prior application information: Examiner: Cho, J. Group/Art Unit: 2819

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103	690	201	345	Utility filing fee
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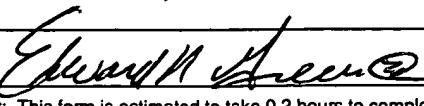
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103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20
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104	260	204 130 Multiple dependent claim
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105	130	205	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130 Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520 For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examination action	
115	110	215	55 Extension for reply within first month	
116	380	216	190 Extension for reply within second month	
117	870	217	435 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,360	218	680 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,850	228	925 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	300	219	150 Notice of Appeal	
120	300	220	150 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	260	221	130 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,210	241	605 Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,210	242	605 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	243	215 Design issue fee	
144	580	244	290 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50 Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt.	
581	40	581	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	760	246	380 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
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